



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

- WHEREAS: For more than 60 years, surgical technology has grown to meet the ever-increasing demand for well-educated, highly skilled and versatile surgical technologists; and
- WHEREAS: Surgical technologists are entrusted with critical services that protect the lives and safety of patients during surgical procedures; and
- WHEREAS: More than 90,000 surgical technologists nationwide play important roles on surgical teams that are committed to providing the highest quality of surgical care to patients; and
- WHEREAS: Surgical technologists are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic techniques in the operating room, ensuring that equipment functions properly, while also facilitating safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures; and
- WHEREAS: Surgical technologists strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections while maximizing patient safety; and
- WHEREAS: Certified surgical technologists graduate from accredited programs and receive certification from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting following passage of a national examination; and
- WHEREAS: The surgical technologist's motto, "Aeger Primo, the patient first," reflects the industry's total commitment to patient safety and advocacy; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, in conjunction with National Surgical Technologist Week, do hereby proclaim September 16-22, 2018, as SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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